



## NEWSLETTER No. 12

Friday, 28th July, 2023



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 3

#### JULY

Monday 31st      Gymnastics  
Book Fair commences

#### AUGUST

Tuesday 1st      Whole School Athletics Carnival  
Friday 4th      Hoop Time 3/4  
Book Fair ends  
Monday 7th      Gymnastics  
Tuesday 8th      Mary MacKillop Whole School Mass  
Monday 14th      Gymnastics  
HDSSA Athletics  
Tuesday 15th      Whole School Mass  
Friday 18th      Bullying No Way Day

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Throughout the past three weeks at St. Michael's, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and hard work displayed by the students in their classrooms. They have shown a great passion for learning. Students have not only grasped essential academic skills but have also demonstrated a commitment to develop and grow as learners.

Staff continue to educate students of the importance of treating one another with respect and making sure St. Michael's is an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and heard.

Students began their gymnastics program on Monday at the Maffra Gymnastics Club. This will continue for the next 6 weeks. Selected students from Years 3-6 will also represent St. Michael's in Hoop Time basketball over the next two Friday's.

We have our annual athletics carnival on Tuesday 1st August. This promises to be a day filled with fun and

### TERM DATES 2023



TERM 3 - 10 July - 15 September  
TERM 4 - 2 October - 21 December

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Melb Cup - 7 November

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

15/9/23

6/11/23

friendly competition. Students have been eagerly fine tuning their skills and techniques for the carnival with Mr Peavey during sport lessons.

During Religious Education lessons, students have been learning and increasing their knowledge of Mary MacKillop. St. Michael's is one of the many schools established by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The school was founded with the same principles and values that Mary MacKillop held dear – providing a quality education while fostering a sense of compassion, inclusivity, and respect for others. Mary MacKillop's life is a shining example of how one person's actions can have a profound impact on the lives of others. She showed us that even at a young age, we can practice kindness, work hard, believe in ourselves, and help those around us. We look forward to celebrating her Feast Day on Tuesday 8th August with a whole school Mass.

Have a lovely weekend.

### NAPLAN

Families with children in Years 3 and 5 have received their child's NAPLAN results. **Please remember to file the Year 5 reports in a safe place.** These reports are required when enrolling your child at Secondary School.



St Michael's Primary School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gunaikurnai people, traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. As a school community, we commit to walk alongside our First Nations people for reconciliation, truth and justice.



## SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

It has been a great two weeks with everybody having a busy schedule. We have had the Lions Club public speaking competition, we started gymnastics and we are having our school athletics carnival on Tuesday. We wish everyone in the Hoop Time basketball the best of luck. Everyone is playing well in the yard. We need to remember to be respectful and follow the 3Rs. Have a great weekend.



## BOOK CLUB



***Please have Issue 5 catalogue orders in by Monday, 31st July.***



## BOOK FAIR

**31st July - 4th August in the Library!**

Parents, students and friends may purchase from a wide selection of titles representing the best books available for students at all reading levels.

Students will have the opportunity to browse the book fair during school hours on Monday 31st July, and parents are invited to stop by the library from **Monday July 31st to Friday August 4th** from **8.20am-8.50am** or **2.45pm-3.30pm**.

## eSAFETY

Attached with this newsletter is a schedule of parent webinars from the eSafety Commissioner which states the suitability of the ages involved. In 2022 the webinars attracted record attendance numbers. Please click on the following link to register -

[Webinars for parents and carers | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Term 3 topics include -

- ◆ Online boundaries and consent
- ◆ Getting the most out of gaming
- ◆ Online relationships and consent: Sending nudes and sexting
- ◆ Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram



Truth



## 21st July

**Georgia:** For her contribution to our teamwork session.

**Olivia:** For sharing her understanding about Earth's Resources and how we can be sustainable.

**Isabelle:** For making a concerted effort to improve her handwriting.

**Emily:** For writing a descriptive 'Giant' story.

**Yvette:** For actively participating during our Healthy Harold incursion.

**Oliver:** For showing good listening skills during the Healthy Harold incursion.

**Lillian:** For using great strategies in multiplication. Well done Lilly!

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**Harper:** For great work writing fact families for multiplication and division.

**Millie:** For writing a creative and descriptive 'Giant' story.

**Jimmy:** For contributing his ideas and thoughts to our class discussions.

**Gus:** For being motivated to complete the task set during our inquiry lesson.

## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Throughout the term we will continue to present the Mary MacKillop Award to students that demonstrate the qualities that Mary showed throughout her great life.



Mary MacKillop had a heart full of kindness and cared deeply for others. She always helped those in need, whether they were poor, sick, or struggling. She showed great compassion and believed in treating everyone with love and respect.

**This year we want to be on track with Mary Mac and...**

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday in the last fortnight.

Draven:	18th July
Ryder:	18th July
Lottie:	20th July
Noah C:	20th July
Cooper:	20th July



## OUR PARISH

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Mass is celebrated at St Michael's Church in Heyfield on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am and Saturday evenings at 6.00pm.

*We are a 'Parish in Partnership' with Maffra, Newry, Cowwarr and Dargo.*



## CHOIR

At assembly last Friday our choir received their medals for winning the Sale Eisteddfod during term 2.



## HEALTHY HAROLD

During week 2 we had the Healthy Harold program visit St. Michael's. The Life Ed Victoria initiative helps run preventative programs for children in Victoria that provide vital life skills to thrive in life.



## GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics began on Monday at the Maffra Gymnastics Club. These sessions will run each Monday for the next 6 weeks.



## HEYFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Our new food bank is slowly coming together. Anyone is welcome to come and grab some supplies if they need some extra help at home. The food bank will be just outside our door from Monday to Thursday.

A huge thanks to those that have already dropped groceries into the trolley at [Heyfield IGA](#) 🥰

